

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Notice of Allowance mailed on February 26, 2003. Pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 being filed herewith, please enter the enclosed claim amendments and reconsider the above identified application for allowance. By way of the enclosed amendment to the claims, note that claims 1, 6, 13 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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